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<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time extending to April 30, 2005 (April 30 was on Saturday), the period for response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$450 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. The responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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